Reviewer’s report

Title: Predicting the onset and persistence of episodes of depression in primary health care: the PREDICT-Spain study. Methodology.

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Eventhough the above study protocol refers to one site of a larger study (PREDICT already published in BMC), presents some peculiarities not explored by the other designs (mainly organizational and genetic risk factors) that deserve attention and potential results are indeed interesting.

The validity and reliability indexes of the questionnaire are more than acceptable and come from a carefully done design which enhance the value of this study protocol

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests